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Docket No. ECV-5413CIP2CON1

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Guy Cumberbatch

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re application of: Carpentier, et al.

Application No.: 10/729,035

Filing Date: December 5, 2003

10 For: FLEXIBLE HEART VALVE AND ASSOCIATED  
CONNECTING BAND

Mail Stop Amendment

15 Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: David J. Isabella

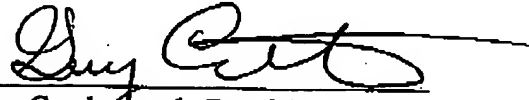
SPECIES ELECTION

20 Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 12, 2006, and subsequent to a telephone conference on June 12, 2006 between Examiner Isabella and the undersigned, Applicants elect without traverse the Species represented by Fig. 20D. Currently, claims 1-24 are generic and read on all of the species, therefore no claims are withdrawn.

25 Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 12, 2006

  
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